

Matthews Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resource

Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda

May 13, 2020

6:30PM

Advisory Committee members:	Howie Labiner – Chair	VACANT - Vice Chair	Harvey Boyd
	Ryan Maclatchie	Sandi Lee	John Gatlin
	Debbie Chupas	Susan Chambers	Scott Rossmeisl

- I.** Call to Order
- II.** Roll Call
- III.** Public Comment
- IV.** Division Reports:
 - a) Special Events
 - b) Athletics / Crews Recreation Center
 - c) Parks/Outdoor Recreation
 - d) Cultural Resources
- V.** Director's Report
 - a) Information from Annual Planning Conference
 - b) Project Updates:
 - 1. Heritage Trail
 - 2. Dog Park
- VI.** Old Business
- VII.** New Business
- VIII.** Adjournment

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Department Updates: MAY 2020

CULTURAL RECREATION UPDATE

Programs/Activities

- May Gallery Display: The May art show at the McDowell Arts Center has been canceled due to Covid-19.
- Art display at Town Hall; these installments will rotate every 60-90 days.
 - Current show: Artist Lela Kometiani's Memory Care students will display their art work. This is a group of seniors from the Ivey Memory Care Center in Charlotte.
 - These shows are currently on hold while we are closed for Covid-19.
- Public art update:
 - The artist designing the mural for the road hump on E. McDowell Street has sent in 4 options for the Advisory Committee to vote on. The first option (light blue with dogwood flowers, shown below) was chosen overall, and will be presented to the Town Commissioners at the next virtual meeting.
- All programs, activities, and rentals are suspended through May 31 due to Covid-19.

Mural design recommended by the committee:



SPECIAL EVENT

- All special events continue to be suspended through May 9. Staff is in discussion to prepare to suspend all events through JUNE as well.
- BeachFest – was successfully moved to October 16-17.
New graphic:



- Symphony Night has been cancelled.
- Food Truck Fridays – The first three events in April/May were successfully moved to October and November. Any June evenings that cannot be held will not be moved—they will be cancelled.



- Matthews Alive –is moving forward on schedule for now. However, as time passes it is becoming more clear that it will be difficult, if not impossible, to have that many attendees involved in that many activities, that close together for four days in September. A discussion with many NC festival directors this week yielded great information—and most directors are announcing in June that they will be cancelling their summer/fall events. Staff feels that Matthews Alive will most likely do the same—but a final announcement will not be made until June.

CREWS RECREATION CENTER

- Programs/Activities
 - Program Recap
 - No new updates
 - Upcoming/New Programs
 - Summer Camp Programs: Summer camps have been cancelled through the end of June 2020. All campers have been notified and issued refunds.
 - Family Fun Night: Staff identified a new company for the Mini Golf Family Fun Night. The new company offers mini golf with a glow/LED component. Staff is very excited about the new component and hopes to make it work financially.
- Rentals
 - Cancellations
 - Due to COVID-19 all rentals have been canceled through May 31st. Refunds have been issued and all renters have been notified.
- Facility Maintenance
 - Water Leak: There is a leak from the ceiling in the MP Room. ToM Maintenance stated that the leak occurred because the A/C drain pan needs to be replaced. Water damage on the wood flooring will be inspected at a later date.